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CANADA/ALBERTA COOPERATION ON NATIVE (INDIAN/MÉTIS) DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CANADA/ALBERTA COOPERATION ON NATIVE (INDIAN/METIS) DEVELOPMENT

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING made this 29th day of August, 1985

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, represented by the Minister of State (Small Businesses) and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, (hereinafter referred to as "Canada")

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA, represented by the Minister Responsible for Native Affairs, (hereinafter referred to as "Alberta")

REGARDING

CANADA/ALBERTA COOPERATION ON NATIVE (INDIAN/METIS) DEVELOPMENT, pursuant to the Canada/Alberta Economic and Regional Development Agreement, dated June 8, 1984.

1.0 OBJECTIVES

1.1 The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to secure the commitment of the signators to work together, after the signing of this Memorandum, to:

1.1.1 develop, where appropriate, specific memoranda of understanding and/or sub-agreements for Native (Indian/Metis) development and, in particular, to identify the parties responsible for carrying out individual initiatives;

1.1.2 identify the source and magnitude of funding support needed to pursue future initiatives from both existing budgets and unallocated new funds; and

1.1.3 create a mechanism to facilitate ongoing cooperation, consultation and joint planning among the parties.

2.0 PRINCIPLES

2.1 Long-term development in Native (Indian/Metis) communities will require the careful integration of community, social and human resource development in support of the strengthening of the economic base. Close cooperation and a commitment to the following principles will guide the efforts of the parties:

2.1.1 the initiatives of the parties must aim to support self-sufficiency for Natives (Indians/Metis) and their communities by minimizing dependency creation and maximizing the development of local economies, individuals and community institutions;

2.1.2 both parties recognize that Natives (Indians/Metis) must direct their own progress toward self-sufficiency and responsibility at a pace and in a manner determined by their needs and interests;

2.1.3 Native (Indian/Metis) self-sufficiency flows from viable economic development that is supported in an integrated fashion by social and cultural development and the development of human resources and community institutions/ infrastructure;

2.1.4 the parties will aim to eliminate gaps and reduce duplication in the provision of services and support to individual Natives (Indians/Metis) and their communities;

2.1.5 it is acknowledged that Natives (Indians/Metis) will be fully consulted on the development of initiatives related to this Memorandum;

2.1.6 it is acknowledged that initiatives must be undertaken in consultation and cooperation with the appropriate local

authority or government in any matters affecting them; and,

2.1.7 it is recognized that nothing in this Memorandum shall change the relationship between the Government of Canada and the Indian people.

3.0 PRIORITIES

3.1 Based on the above principles, the following represent the shared areas of concern between the parties and constitute the key elements of the cooperative approach to Native (Indian/Metis) development in Alberta. These broad priority areas will guide the parties in the formulation of sub-agreements or memoranda of understanding to be developed between the parties.

3.2 General Areas of Joint Planning and Initiatives

3.2.1 The parties agree to examine programs and policies in place to determine their applicability to expressed needs. Such an examination would lead to adjustments as required to enhance efficiency and effectiveness within a coordinated framework.

3.2.2 Economic Development

The parties will jointly examine such economic development issues as: resource development; agriculture; entrepreneurial development; business assistance; and economic development planning for communities.

3.2.3 Employment and Training

The parties will jointly examine such employment and training needs as: occupational training; management development; job creation; career development; and mobility/counselling assistance.

3.2.4 Social Development

The parties will jointly examine such social development issues as: child welfare; recreation; education; social infrastructure; life skills; and social assistance and its alternatives.

3.2.5 Community Institutions and Infrastructure

The parties will jointly examine such community institutions/infrastructure issues as: community plans; housing; and community committees.

3.2.6 Where necessary and appropriate upon agreement the parties will jointly examine the unique needs and circumstances of Native populations and recommend necessary action.

4.0 IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Native Development

The parties to the Memorandum of Understanding agree to undertake cooperative approaches to address identifiable problems, needs and opportunities related to Native (Indian/Metis) development. Such action shall be taken only on the basis of federal-provincial agreement and mutually acceptable indicators of causes of underdeveloped Native potential. This approach will enable both parties to emphasize cooperative, flexible and innovative policy and program action aimed at selected problem resolution as well as supporting the efforts of Natives (Indians/Metis) to enhance their self-sufficiency.

4.2 Any actions taken would involve the balanced participation of both parties, as well as the affected Native (Indian/Metis) population centers, for the purpose of enabling federal-provincial program implementation to accommodate the opportunity for accelerated Native development through problem resolution.

4.3 Native development activity pursuant to this section may be undertaken through one or more sub-agreements or other instruments as appropriate.

5.0 FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL MECHANISMS

5.1 A federal-provincial committee will be established and charged with the responsibility of preparing for Ministers' consideration the development sub-agreements, or other instruments referred to in Section 4.0 and any other appropriate undertakings to give effect to the joint planning initiatives arising out of Section 3.2.

5.2 The committee will be comprised of representatives of the Ministers who are party to this Memorandum of Understanding and any other representatives deemed necessary from time to time. The committee shall also prepare a report to Ministers on initiatives proposed to give effect to this Memorandum of Understanding.

5.3 The committee will be co-chaired by representatives of the Minister of State (Small Businesses), the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and the Minister Responsible for Native Affairs.

6.0 COSTS

6.1 Planning funds will be required to support the activities of the federal-provincial development committee to be established by this Memorandum. These funds shall not exceed $300,000 to be shared equally between the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta.

6.2 When subsequent memoranda of understanding and/or sub-agreements are developed, funding and the sources of funding will be identifed in those documents.

7.0 DURATION

7.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is in effect until March 31, 1990 or until terminated by either party, in writing, upon three months notice.

8.0 PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

In the announcement of this cooperative initiative, it will be acknowledged that it is pursuant to the Canada/Alberta Economic and Regional Development Agreement.

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

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Minister of State
(Small Businesses)

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Minister of Indian Affairs
and Northern Development

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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Minister Responsible
for Native Affairs

Approved By:

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Minister of Federal and
Intergovernmental Affairs